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Lisbon, August 13, N. S.

ON the 28th past arrived the Rio Fleet, consisting of 13 Sail, besides three they left at Oporto. By this Fleet came Dom Joan Manoel de Noranha Governour of Angola, and Dom Braz Baltezar de Silveira Governour of the Mines. It brings 86 Arobas of Gold, and 432052 Moedas registred, besides above as much which is not registred; 5365 Chests and 649 half Chests of Sugar, 1252 Elephants Teeth, 3279 tanned Hides, and 1546 not tanned, 280 Roles of Tobacco, and 70 Pipes of Train Oyl.

Madrid, Aug. 15. On the 12th Instant the Earl Stanhope arrived here, and Yesterday went to Fresnera, a Seat within half a League of the Escorial, where Cardinal Alberoni had caused very commodious Lodgings to be fitted up for him. The same Evening about Six a-Clock, his Lordship went to the Cardinal at the Escorial by Appointment, and had a long Conference with him. We have had no Advices from Sicily, since the taking of the Castle of Palermo.

From on board the Barfleur at Naples, July 25, O. S. On the 21st Instant late at Night Sir George Byng with the British Fleet under his Command, came to an Anchor in this Port. The next Morning the Admiral, with several Officers, went ashore, and being received by the Viceroy with all Marks of Esteem and Distinction, had a Conference with him. The Viceroy having received Directions from the Emperour to give the King of Sicily what Assistance he is able, in order to it he has caused 2000 Men to be embarked for reinforcing the Garrisons of the Citadel and Fort of Messina. That the Transports may go safe, the Admiral is

now unmooring, designing to proceed this Night to Sea, and secure their Passage.

From on board the Barfleur going through the Faro of Messina, the 30th of July, O. S. Sir George Byng, with the British Fleet, came off of the Point of Messina last Night, and sent Captain Saunders ashore with a Letter to the Marquess de Lede, who is Captain General and commands in chief the Spanish Army in the Island of Sicily: Upon the Receipt of which in the Conference Captain Saunders had with him, as likewise by the Letter he sent to Sir George Byng in answer to his, he declared that he had no Powers to treat, and that he would pursue his Orders, which were to sieze on Sicily. The small Ports above the Town of Messina, as likewise the Town it self, were surrendered to the Spaniards by the Sicilians, upon Capitulation that they should not bring their Troops within the Town. General Wetzell, with all the Tartans and German Troops is gone to Reggio, and from thence will send over to the Citadel and Fort of Messina, which still hold out, and will be able to do so some Time, the Spaniards not having yet raised any Batteries against them, but only placed Mortars to play upon them, which have yet done but very little Damage. Sir George Byng had also Intelligence, that Yesterday Morning the Spanish Fleet weighed in some Confusion from Messina, and went through the Faro; and as we were standing in this Morning towards Messina, he received Advices from the Calabrian Shore, that the Spanish Fleet were in Sight of Reggio; upon which he has resolved to follow them. When he is through the Faro, he will send to the Viceroy Count Maffei, who is now